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# CONGRATULATIONS

The 122nd graduation for  
Smithville High School  
was held on Sunday, May 30, 2021.



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## Dates To Remember

### June

28 - Board of Education Meeting ..... 7AM

### July

26 - Board of Education Meeting ..... 7AM

### August

12 - Community Fair ..... 6PM

18 - 1st Day of School 2021-2022

## Jr. Academic Challenge Team Places #1

The Green Middle School Jr. Academic Challenge team has been practicing since January to learn the rules of competition, practice strategy, and study content. They also had two scrimmages in that time against other local middle school teams. GMS hosted and competed in the culminating event of the season, the Tri-county Academic Challenge Tournament on April 14. They earned a perfect record after five rounds, taking first place! Below: Congratulations to eighth graders **Mikey Gallagher** (top scorer for our team) and **Lucy Gallagher** (second highest point earner for GMS), along with seventh grader **Claire Marthey**, and sixth graders **Josh Engstli**, **Elizabeth Frantz**, **Makayla Richardson**, **Austin Sanderson** and **Coach Lori Ebert**.



## Eighth Graders Have Career Day

A number of eighth grade students had the opportunity to interview a professional about his or her job for career day. Questions included asking the professionals what training was needed for their job, what hours and days do they work, what they do in a typical work day and what is their favorite part of their job.



Jacob Lanneaux and Dr. Bill Yost, veterinarian



## County High School Art Displayed In Exhibit

The Wayne County High School Art Exhibit was on display at Wayne Center for the Arts on Walnut Street in Wooster. The show ran through May 13. Congratulations to senior Alex Taylor as his clay sculpture "Thunderstruck" was awarded Best of Show 3-D! The awards reception was held on Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Over 20 pieces of art done by SHS students are included in the exhibit. We are so proud and impressed by the art program at Smithville High School.

## Sophomore Wins Gold In Stark State Business Class

The students that participate in our Stark State Business Classes entered a "Laws of Life" essay contest that is sponsored by the Better Business Bureau. This contest was created by Sir John Templeton in 1987 to encourage young people to reflect and write about their "laws of life" or the core values and ideals by which they strive to live their life. BBB Marketplace Education Initiative promotes this enriching essay contest for youth which is aimed at developing the character of today's students so they become ethical, responsible, and trustworthy leaders, employees, and citizens of tomorrow. SHS Sophomore, **Amanda Fleming**, was selected as a Gold winner and won \$250. Her essay was titled "Transform for Excellence." Congratulations Amanda!

Pictured L: Kelly Miller, Business Teacher and Amanda Fleming, SHS Sophomore



## Drama Club Hosts Visitor

What a fun day! **Dennis O'Connell** from the Magical Theatre Company met with 35 7th-12th grade drama students and spent time working with them on their physicality and vocalization on stage using various activities and games. Everyone had a great time reconnecting with stage fundamentals.



## Students Create Shilling Memorial Garden

Mrs. Baker's leadership class has been busy creating the **Jodi Shilling Memorial Garden** in the courtyard outside the art rooms. Student project leaders designed the garden, presented their ideas to administration and contacted area businesses for donations before starting on construction. Once the garden is finished, benches and picnic tables will be added. Next year **Miss Winkler's** sculptures classes will design sculptures of things Jodi enjoyed, such as volleyball and bowling, and will place them in the garden. Thank you to donors **Keener Landscaping** (stones), **Berkey Excavating** (big rocks), **Buchwalter Greenhouse** (flowers), anonymous (landscape fabric) and staff members (perennials).

The class has a number of other projects being led by various groups of students. The Ag/Construction Technologies hallway wall is being painted with class emblems and some of the ceiling tiles have been painted green. In the weight room, a **Sam Sayre Memorial** personal best record bell has been installed. Another group is working on a Smithie breakthrough banner for the main school hallway. Also in the works is a quote to be applied to one of the beams in the hallway. An additional project is compiling athletic records which will then be posted on the website.

Thank you to all the leadership class students for taking pride in your school and working to improve the campus.

## Community Engagement Survey Available



Recently Green Local Schools formed a Family and Community Engagement Committee because we believe the best education for our students is a strong partnership between family, community and our schools. As we look to continue to improve as a school community, our first task in this committee is to gather feedback from members within our community. Please follow the link below or stop in the board office to request a copy. Thank you for your time! <https://forms.gle/Pfp2roM12EsazmtW8>. Survey closes June 30.

## Updated Mask Information

The Ohio Department of Health's mask mandate for Ohio's schools ended on June 2, 2021. Therefore, masks will be optional for summer school programs and the 2021-22 school year.



## Top of the Class

Co-Valedictorians are **Rebekah Carr** and **Caleb Keib**. Rebekah plans to attend Ohio State University and study Animal Science.



Rebekah is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as National Honor Society. She is on the 4.1 and above Career Honor Roll, she has obtained her Honors Diploma and was awarded the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish. Rebecca was on two

WCAL championship cross country teams, was First Team All-WCAL in 2019 and 2020 and Team State Qualifier. She holds one of the top five fastest times in school history in the 5K, as well as a member of the record holding 4x800M relay team.



Caleb plans to attend The University of Akron and major in Chemical Engineering. Caleb is an Eagle Scout, Academic All-Ohioan in football, First Team All-County in football, member of the National Honor Society, Co-President of Fellowship of Christian

Athletes, Vice President of the Foreign Language Club and Second Team All-County in Basketball. Finally, Caleb was recently awarded the Wilbur Berkey Award in basketball. He is on the 4.1 and above Career Honor Roll; he has obtained his Honors Diploma and earned the fourth Year Academic Achievement Award.



Salutatorian **Lyric Wenger** plans to attend Kent State University to major in Studio Art with a focus on drawing. Lyric was a member of the Drama Club, Foreign Language Club and Ski Club. She is on the 4.1 and above Career Honor Roll; she

has obtained her Honors Diploma and earned the fourth Year Academic Achievement Award. Lyric has also earned the Golden Apple Award for All A's through high school.



# Class of 2021



**Alexandra Allen**  
Kent State University



**Ian Anderson**  
Heidelberg University



**Hannah Baker**  
University of Findlay



**Madalyn Baltic**  
Employment



**Isabelle Besancon**  
Cleveland State University



**Austin Burns**  
Shawnee State College



**Zachary Butcher**  
University of Akron/Wayne



**Carissa Butler**  
Grace College



**Elsa Butzer**  
Ohio University



**Rebekah Carr**  
Ohio State University



**Austin Cool**  
University of Akron/Wayne



**Nicholas Copley**  
University of Akron/Wayne



**Ahna Costanzo**  
Employment



**Bryce Cummings**  
Employment



**Kylie Curry**  
Employment



**Xander Danehart**  
University of Akron



**Morgan Danko**  
Miami University



**Wesley Dickens**  
Kent State University



**Adrian Dotterer**  
University of Akron



**Jarret Erb**  
Electrical Apprenticeship



**Elise Erickson**  
Entrepreneurship Hospitality /Tourism



**Emma Feil**  
Executive Recruitment Real Estate Investing



**Michael Frantz**  
Employment



**Alyssa Frazier**  
Employment



**Darin Gabler**  
Employment



**Sophia Gaines**  
Asbury University



**Morgan Gerhart**  
Ohio State University ATI



**Sharie Guilliams**  
Ohio State University Lima



**Cody Hackworth**  
Employment



**Caleb Hanna**  
Employment



**Grant Harris**  
Employment



**Hanna Hatfield**  
Employment



**Elizabeth Heeke**  
Kent State University



**Josephine Heeke**  
University of Toledo



**Tony Hill Jr.**  
United States Navy



**Tyler Indermuhle**  
University of Akron



**Delia Joaquin Malagon**  
United States Navy



**Aidan JoDon**  
University of Mount Union



**Carley Johns**  
University of Mount Union



**Morgan Johnson**  
Ohio State University ATI



**Kiley Kalina**  
Notre Dame College



**Brooke Karlen**  
University of Findlay



**Chandler Keener**  
Stark State College



**Chase Keener**  
Employment



**Caleb Keib**  
University of Akron



**Megin Kerley**  
Nursing



**Duane Kuehn**  
University of Akron



**Cory Lengacher**  
Employment



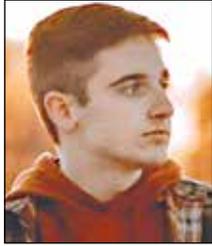
# Class of 2021



**Steven Lessiter**  
Employment



**Brooke Loving**  
Ohio University



**Noah Marty**  
Employment



**Shelby McConahy**  
Employment



**Rachel McKee**  
Stark State College



**Lily Moran**  
Employment



**Alexis Muntin**  
University of Akron



**Olivia Navratil**  
Employment



**Jillian Newlan**  
Lake Erie College



**Chantz Pagniano**  
Bowling Green State University



**Logan Raber**  
University of Akron



**Teona Ramsier**  
Employment



**Noah Ritchey**  
University of Akron



**Malaina Schaffter**  
University of Akron



**Ian Schopf**  
Employment



**Lenah Sherwood**  
University of Akron



**Gabriel Shoop**  
Employment



**Damien Skelly**  
Heidelberg University



**Doralice Smith**  
University of Mount Union



**Logan Smith**  
Malone University



**Noah Smith**  
University of Akron/Wayne



**Dakotta Snyder**  
Wayne County Schools Career Center



**Catherine Stoll**  
Ohio State University Mansfield



**Morgan Stoller**  
Stark State College



**Kaitlyn Sugg**  
Medical Field Career



**Jaron Sustar**  
Huntington University



**Alexander Taylor**  
Employment



**Garrett Thompson**  
Employment



**Joel Thompson**  
Liberty University



**Max Thompson**  
Employment



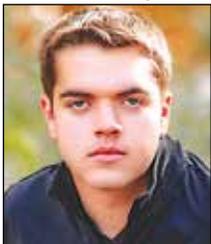
**Kirstyn Thut**  
University of Mount Union



**Gage Tipple**  
Employment



**Lydia Tirakis**  
Employment



**Landon Tisch**  
Ohio State University



**Kara Turner**  
Employment



**Sarah Weaverling**  
Kent State University



**Marley Weigman**  
University of Akron/Wayne



**Lyric Wenger**  
Kent State University



**Whitney Wenger**  
Employment



**Alexandra Wright**  
Employment



**Evan Yochheim**  
Employment



**Kiley Young**  
Drury University

# CONGRATULATIONS



## Second Graders Write To Elders



**Elizabeth Steiner shows the letter she wrote to residents at the Doylestown Health Care Center.**

Green Elementary School students literally had something to say about pandemic-induced isolation when they were recruited by Doylestown Health Care Center to send “Letters to Elders.”

Activities Director **Sarah Koval** noticed on Pinterest that Letter to an Elder Day was a Feb. 26 holiday promoted by a nonprofit organization called Love for Our Elders, whose mission is to counteract social isolation among older adults. The problem has been particularly profound for nursing homes, forced to cancel or limit visitation during the pandemic.

The project of students writing to residents was a volunteer opportunity open to kindergarten-grade five students, said Principal **Christine Miller**, as a way “to support our community.” It really goes

“hand-in-hand” with the district’s Leader in Me program, which, as one of its goals, seeks “what can we do for people in our community to lift them up.”

On Thursdays, the theme is thankfulness, said Green Elementary School second-grade teacher **Michelle Sundberg**, who talked with her students about being grateful they could be in school together with their friends. “Then I told them how people in nursing homes have not been able to see people for a long time and that we might be able to cheer them up with some fun stories and poems,” Sundberg said.

“There was a little bit of everything” among options, including a template, used by different grade levels, Miller said, describing the resulting letters as “very entertaining.” Sundberg gave her students a blank comic strip with a leprechaun theme, and they wrote a story to go along with the pictures... and colored them. “They also copied Irish poems/blessings that would hopefully put a smile on their face,” she said.

“Some of the letters are so funny,” Koval said, sharing a few of the heartwarming entries from the second-grade students. “For each petal on the shamrock I bring a wish your way – good luck, good health and happiness for today and every day,” one student chose as an option provided and added, “Stay healthy.” “Have a happy year of 2021,” wrote another student. “We hope (you) get better,” said one child, wishing the recipient a “happy leper cone’s (leprechaun’s) day.”

Not all of the students completely understood the health conditions of the recipients of their letters, but were “trying to be supportive. I bet they are going to love these letters,” Miller said. “These kids are great sports and wrote some really cute stories that I hope will bring a smile to their faces,” Sundberg said.

Residents did indeed love the letters, Koval confirmed. Also planned by Koval are virtual visits between students and residents. “COVID-19 has left the elderly without family visits for many months,” she said. “We feel that incorporating the children with our facility may help with morale. I am hoping to raise awareness as to the effect COVID has had on our elderly and what a blessing the children can be.”



**Letters, like this one created by Lily Renfrow, were welcomed by health care center residents.**

## Heart Challenge Accepted

GES students participated in the Kids Heart Challenge during February Heart Month. During gym class, grades 3rd-5th did the Fitness Challenge (PACER running test, Push Up and Curl Up tests) while K-2 was focused on keeping physically active during the entire class time. They also collected donations for the American Heart Association, raising \$1,330.

The top student raised \$256.76! All students that raised over \$150 got to pie



## Students Present Famous Americans

What do Abraham Lincoln, Ray Kroc and Amelia Earhart have in common? They are all famous Americans! Students in second grade each picked a famous American to study in-depth. They wrote a short report, which was presented to their class. They also dressed like the person they researched.

R: **Addy Bratcher** presents on Jane Goodall



R: **Aralynn Murillo** as Barak Obama and **Mckinley Raber** as Michelle Obama

L: **Silas Crist** as Usain Bolt, **Luke Beichler** as Jackie Robinson and **Owen Bowman** as Jesse Owens



## Books Ranked In March Madness

During March Madness our third, fourth and fifth grade students ran their own kind of bracket to engage students in discovering new books. The students took some time to evaluate the book choices and voted on their favorite one. With each vote the bracket was filled in and the Champion was “A Dog’s Purpose.” Every student in each grade level was awarded a copy of the book. Some of the classes then choose to enjoy the book as a read aloud.





# Athletic News

## Track Project Makes Progress

After losing last season to the shutdown, our track and field team was anxious to start this 2021 season. Adding to the anticipation was the fact they would be practicing and competing on a newly resurfaced, full eight lane track. The upgraded facility brought tremendous pride to the team as they hosted four middle school and high school triangular meets, two high school invitational meets and the WCAL meet, which had not been hosted at Smithville since 2005. This year's WCAL meet boasted some fantastic competition from the league, and both the boys' and girls' teams rose to challenge with the boys' team capping off the County Meet as runners-up. As the Smithies looked forward to



the start of competition in the state tournament, team members reflected on what the upgraded track facility meant for them. Two of this year's seniors, **Alex Taylor** and **Austin Cool**, really liked having the new track for their final season in the green and white. Junior **Hailey Thorn** was really excited for this season and appreciative of the improved track surface because it made

a difference in training. Many athletes felt that the additional two lanes around the entire track made it feel complete, and it allowed more space for workout groups during practice. Junior **Aiden Keener** and sophomore **Maddie Brillhart** shared, "We're very proud of our community for coming together for a common cause to help future generations." This first season in the upgraded facility was very successful, and the Smithies are looking forward to many more successful seasons to come!

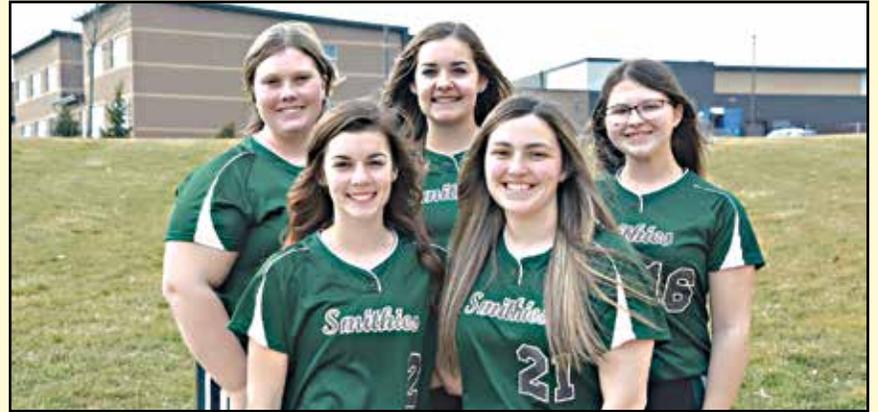


## Carr Runs For GMS

**Kaitlyn Carr**, seventh grader, competed at the Middle School State Track meet in the 1600m and 800m race. She finished 14th in the 1600 (5:42.23) and 20th in the 800m (2:27.96). Thank you for representing Smithville and we look forward to cheering her on for many years.



## Spring Senior Athletes



### Softball

L to R: **Hannah Baker, Kirstyn Thut, Dora Smith, Brooke Loving, Lenah Sherwood**



### Girls Track

L to R: **Morgan Stoller, Morgan Johnson, Lexi Muntin, Rebekah Carr, Carley Johns**



### Boys Track

L to R: **Austin Cool, Cody Hackworth, Caleb Keib, Alex Taylor, Noah Smith, Landon Tisch**



### Baseball

L to R: **Xander Danehart, Chase Keener, Nic Copley, Austin Burns, DJ Kuehn, Logan Raber, Bryce Cummings, Zach Butcher**



# District News



## BOE Office Selects Artwork

The Board of Education was in need of art work for the administration office and reached out SHS art teacher **Miss Uhl**. Students in her Art II class quickly came up with a series of paintings they wanted to make, and got to work on the designs. "It is an amazing thing to watch an art room buzzing with creative activity," said Uhl. "It is definitely a thrilling experience to be in the midst of, especially when everyone is working towards one common goal."



**Josh Davis, Evan Steiner and Luke Oberlin** used their strong technical skills to build and stretch the canvas for the largest of the paintings. **Sophie Larson** and **Whitney Wenger** created color schemes and mixed paint to be passed off to **Grady Thut**. Grady is known for his expressive brushstroke paintings, so the class chose to begin each piece of art with his paintings. Once complete, Grady's work was sent along to the design team of **Gabby Cannon, Maddy Lengacher**, Whitney Wenger and Sophie Larson. They accentuated Grady's marks by painting delicate floral designs on top of what he had created. The last step was to mat and frame. "I could not be more proud of this class and their fantastic ideas to create a cohesive body of work!," added Miss Uhl. "What impressed me the most was their collaborative efforts; each piece was created by the hands of many artists working so well together!"



## Fieldhouse Railing Installed

As a district we were able to enhance the safety of a portion of the railings in the Berkey Fieldhouse. The Welding and Construction Technology class at the Wayne County Career Center were able to cut the wire mesh and weld the tabs on the corners. **Martell Metal Works** cut out the Smithie logo and welded it on the wire mesh. Two local companies offered their services free of charge. **Boville Industrial Coatings** sanded and painted the wire mesh and Smithie logo and **A&K Welding** welded the final corner tabs on the railing. Miss Uhl's high school art class did all the touch up paint. We are thankful for all those that offered a hand on this project.



## Staff Mug Tradition Continues

Inspired by a tradition started years ago by former SHS art teacher **Sam Sheller**, the SHS ceramics class made wheel-thrown ceramic coffee mugs as an appreciation gift to all SHS staff members. A form was completed by each staff member so the students could design a mug to fit each person's personality and interests.



The colorful mugs were delivered to the staff members on April 15. Each mug is food safe and was signed on the bottom by the student artist that created it. Thank you to the SHS art students for brightening our day!



## Thanks Rogue Tree

Once again, a big thank you to **Rogue Tree Service** for offering their service and equipment for putting up the Senior banners on Smithie Drive. We are so grateful for their willingness to help us out.